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5. A barracks installation which consisted of a multi-story building about 50 meters long, was located between the market place and the railroad station of Dobruska (Dobruschka, O 51/G 92). In 1950-51, the offices of the county administration of the Dobruschka County were located in this building. Later, they were evacuated, whereupon the building was allegedly occupied by troops. In October 1954, Czech soldiers who wore an unknown service color were observed in the area of the town. Last in the summer of 1953, a march column of soldiers wearing khaki uniforms was also observed in the area of Hove Mesto (Neustadt on the Mettau River, O 51/G 92). It was known that a barracks installation which was constructed prior to the war was located in this area. 4

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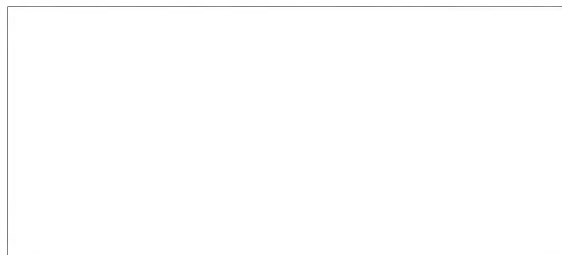
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